

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN COBB**, on March 31, 2003 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Cobb, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Sprague, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Mike Wheat (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch
Lisa Gallagher, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Tape stamp refers to material immediately following.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 6, 3/28/2003
Executive Action: SR 6; HB 203; HB 719; HB 213; HB 689

HEARING ON SR 6

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Sponsor: SENATOR MIKE WHEAT, SD 14, Bozeman

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. WHEAT said that this is a simple resolution that expresses our gratitude for the troops in Iraq.

Proponents' Testimony:

SEN. SPRAGUE, SD 6, said that this resolution is truly bipartisan and everyone has worked very hard on it, and he is in support of this resolution.

SEN. GEBHARDT, SD 4, said that he is in support of this resolution.

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Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Associations, said that they wholeheartedly support this resolution.

Joe Foster, Montana Veteran Affairs Division, said that they support this resolution.

Ward Shanahan, Navy League, said that he supports this resolution.

Riley Johnson said that he is in support of the resolution.

Tom Figarelle, Forward Montana, said that he is in support of this resolution.

Dan Antonietti, VFW, said that he thanks the Committee for their support of our troops.

Opponents' Testimony: none

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: none

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. WHEAT closed.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 6

Motion/Vote: **SEN. WHEAT** moved that SR 6 DO PASS. Motion carried 5-0, by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 203

Motion: **SEN. COBB** moved that HB 203 BE CONCURRED IN.

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Discussion:

Pat Murdo explained the amendment to the Committee.

EXHIBIT(sts68a01)

Vote: Motion that HB 203 BE CONCURRED IN carried 5-0, by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. COBB moved that HB 203 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 5-0, by voice vote.

SEN. GEBHARDT will carry HB 203 on the Senate floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 719

Motion: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that HB 719 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. COBB made a substitute motion that HB 719 BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. Substitute motion carried 3-2 with SENS. GEBHARDT and SPRAGUE voting no, by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 213

Motion: SEN. COBB moved that HB 213 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion: SEN. WHEAT moved that HB 213 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

Pat Murdo explained the amendments to the Committee.

EXHIBIT(sts68a02)

Vote: Motion that HB 213 BE AMENDED carried 5-0, by voice vote.

Vote: Motion that HB 213 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED carried 5-0, by voice vote.

SEN. GRIMES will carry HB 213 on the Senate floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 689

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SEN. COBB explained to the Committee what happened to HB 689.

Motion/Vote: SEN. COBB moved to RECONSIDER ACTIONS on HB 689.
Motion carried 5-0, by voice vote.

SEN. SPRAGUE explained to the Committee that he misread the vote of SEN. COBB on Friday when he was the chair and that is why another vote needed to be taken.

Motion: SEN. COBB moved that HB 689 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

SEN. COBB explained to the Committee what the amendment would be. Lobbyists would file no form until they hit the \$2150 mark then they would have to file, and they would have to pay the lobbyist fee.

Pat Murdo handed out to the Committee projected travel expenses.
EXHIBIT(sts68a03)

Chris Gallus, Montana Society of Executives, explained to the Committee how he read the bill. He said that he is happy with the bill as amended by SEN. WHEAT.

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SEN. COBB read the bill as it would read amended.

SEN. SPRAGUE asked SEN. COBB if someone came up here for their business would this amendment make them a lobbyist. SEN. COBB said that not unless they spent \$2150.

SEN. SPRAGUE said that he is in favor of this bill.

Vote: Motion that HB 689 BE AMENDED carried 3-2 with SENS. GEBHARDT and SQUIRES voting no, by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. COBB moved that HB 689 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 4-1 with SEN. SQUIRES voting no, by voice vote.

SEN. COBB will carry HB 689 on the Senate floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

SEN. JOHN COBB, Chairman

LISA GALLAGHER, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (sts68aad)